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PHOTOGRAPHING APPARATUS HAVING FUNCTION OF PREVENTING BLUR

OF STILL IMAGE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant cites, provides copies and briefly discusses the following art references:

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

	Patent No.	Inventor(s)	Issued Date
✓	5,517,243	Kudo et al.	May 14, 1996
✓	5,245,380	Yang	September 14, 1993
✓	4,470,687	Saito et al.	September 11, 1984

JAPANESE PATENT REFERENCES

	Patent No.	Inventor(s)	Issued Date		
✓	JP 11 015040	Kobayashi Koichi	January 22, 1999		
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✓ JP 08 308275

Hashimoto Takaaki November 22, 1996

OTHER REFERENCES

✓ Communication issued by the European Patent Office on the 16th of October 2001 in copending application Serial No. 02251359.2-1241 of the instant inventors.

DISCUSSION

Kudo '243 discusses an accurate aperture diameter provided for high-speed shutter operation with control of the charge storage time of a solid-state image sensor, over different, selectable operational intervals.

Koichi JP '040 provides a mechanical gear train with a spring supplementing the motor power level in order to shorten the closing time of an aperture, when the diameter of the aperture is large.

Toshiaki JP '137 discusses a bipolar permanent magnet rotor with shutter blades that are opened and closed by rotational force applied through a plurality of iron pins by the permanent magnet rotor.

The Yang '380, Saito '687 and Takaaki '275 references were said by the European Examiner in the Communication dated on the 16th of October, to be of background interest.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging

and thorough search of the relevant art.

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